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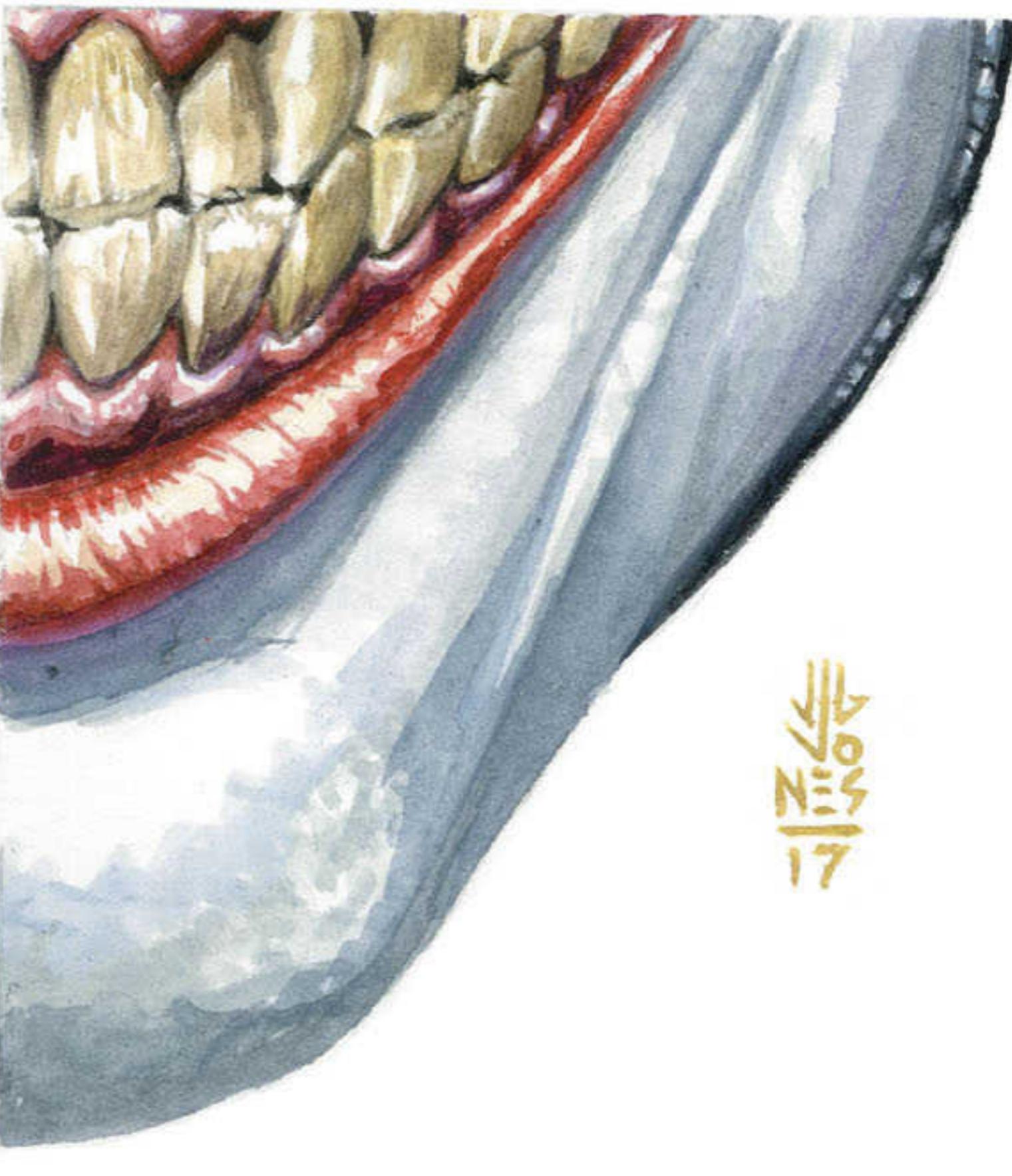
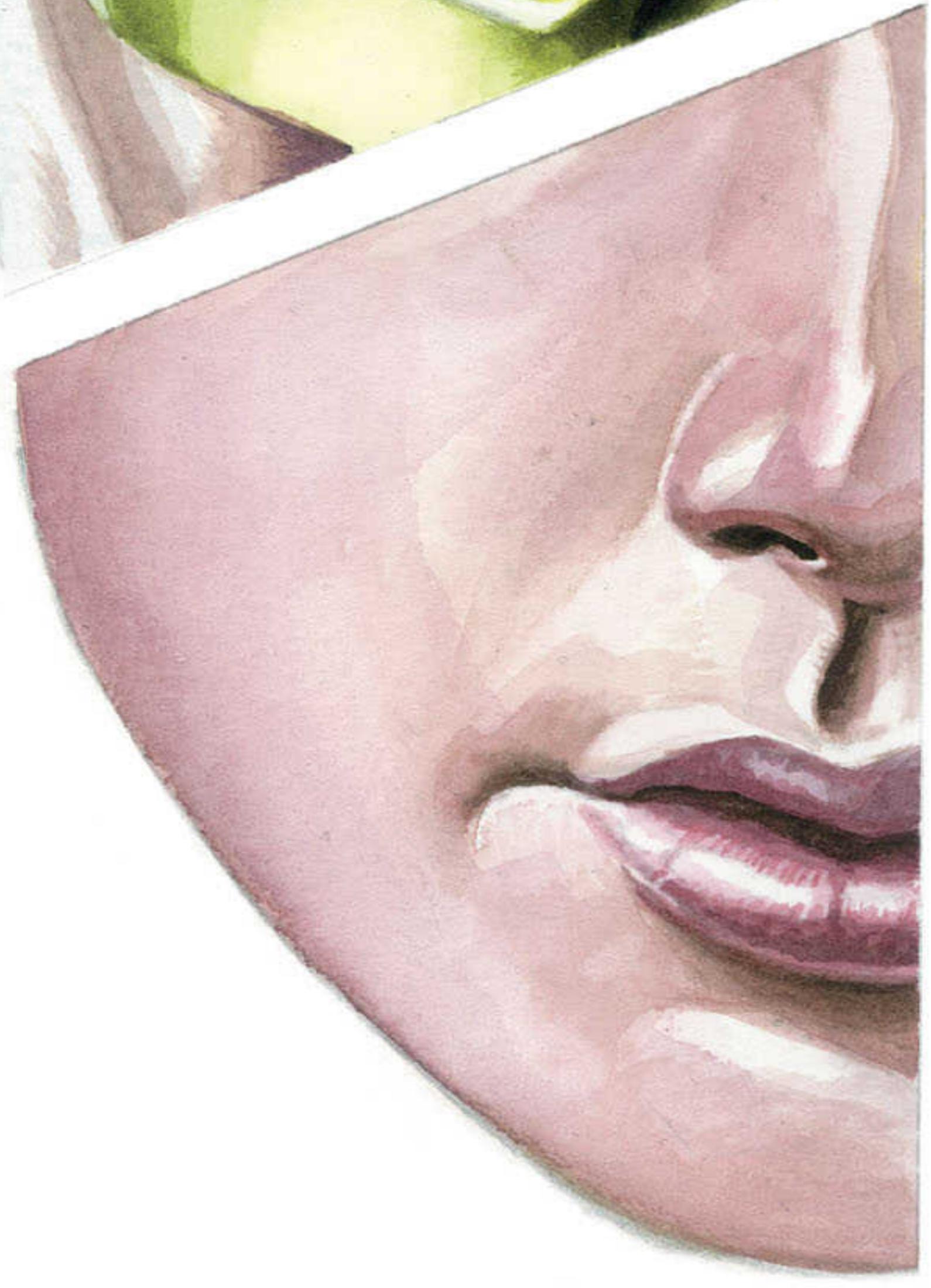
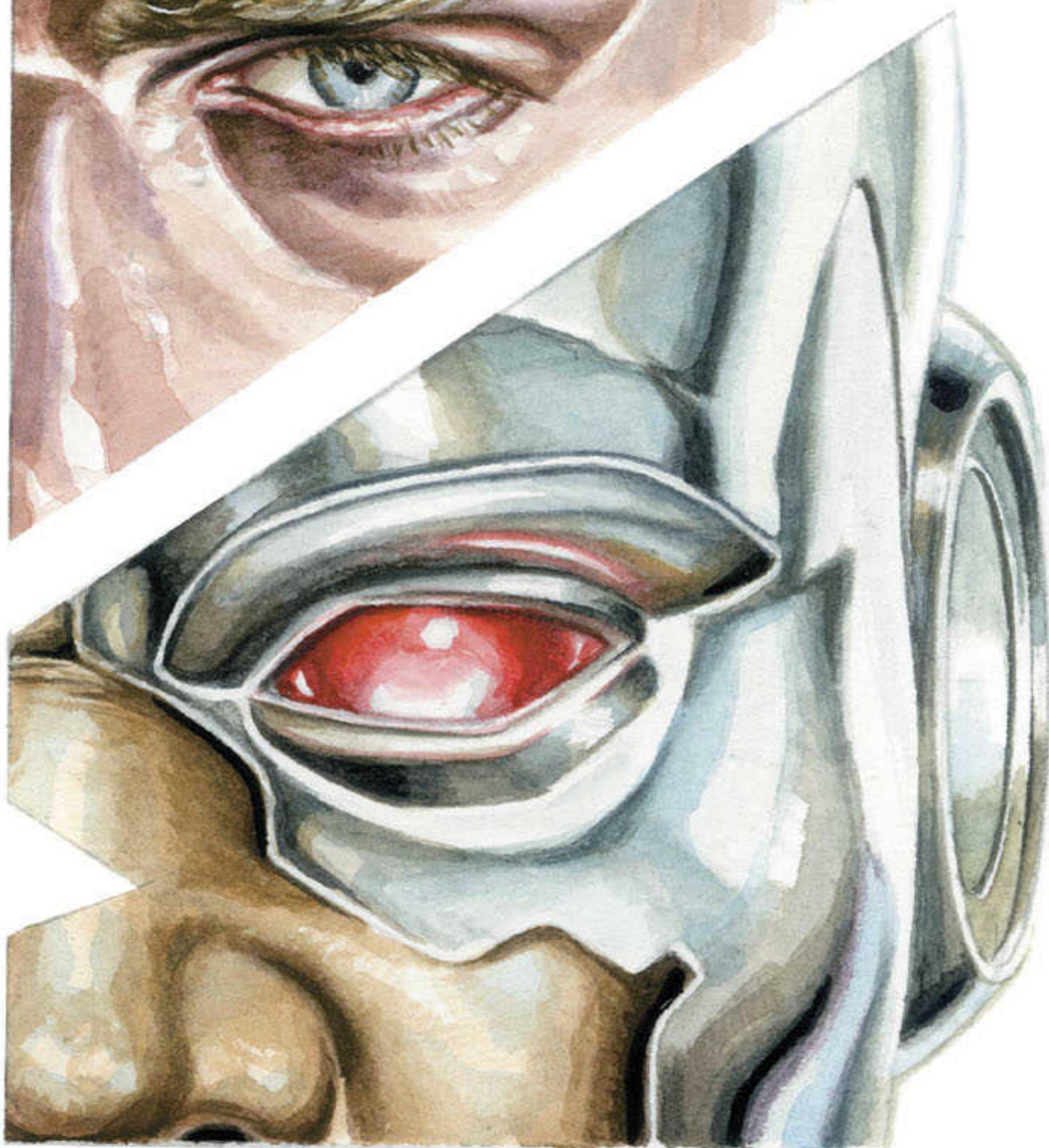
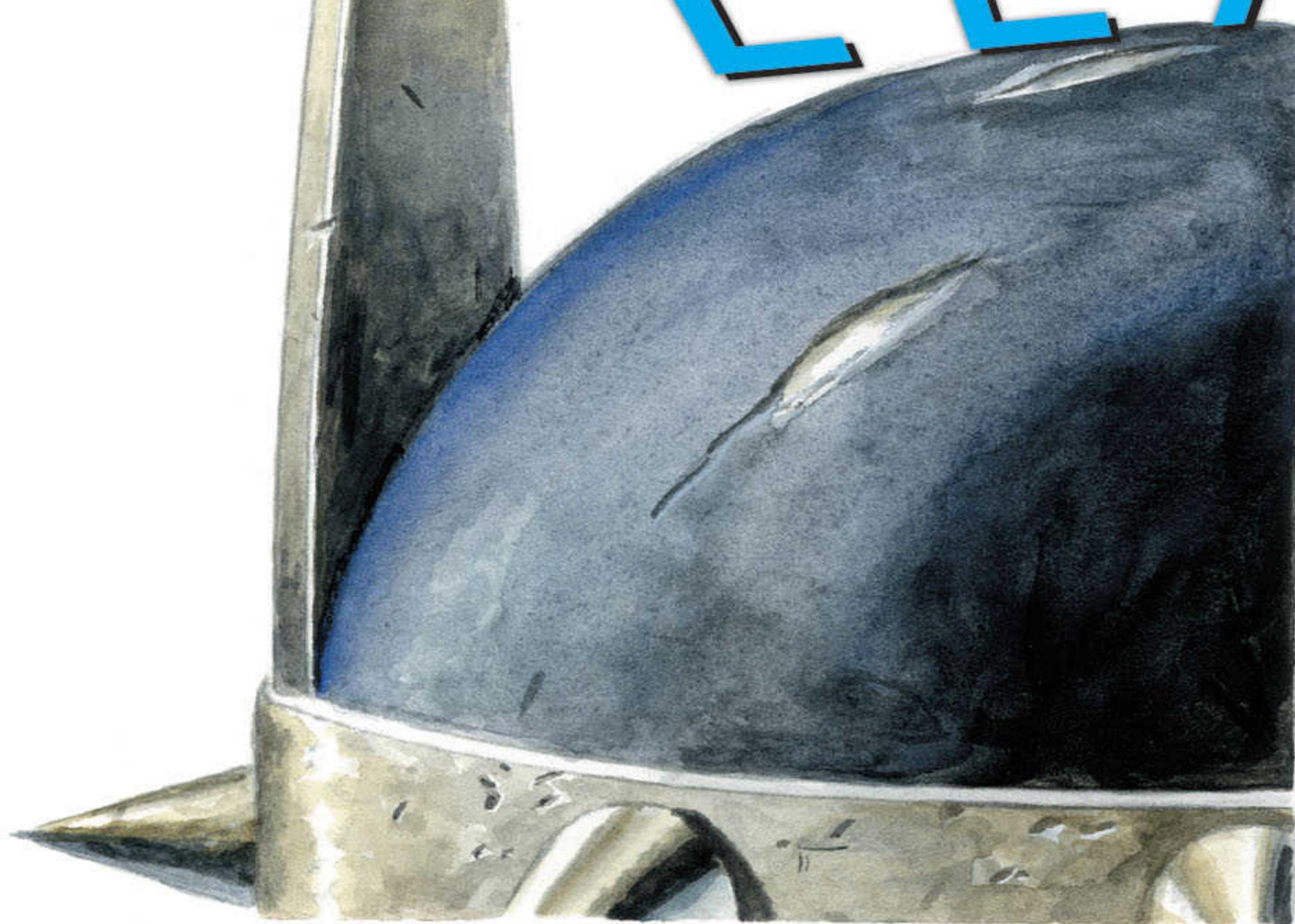


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METAL
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IN THEATERS
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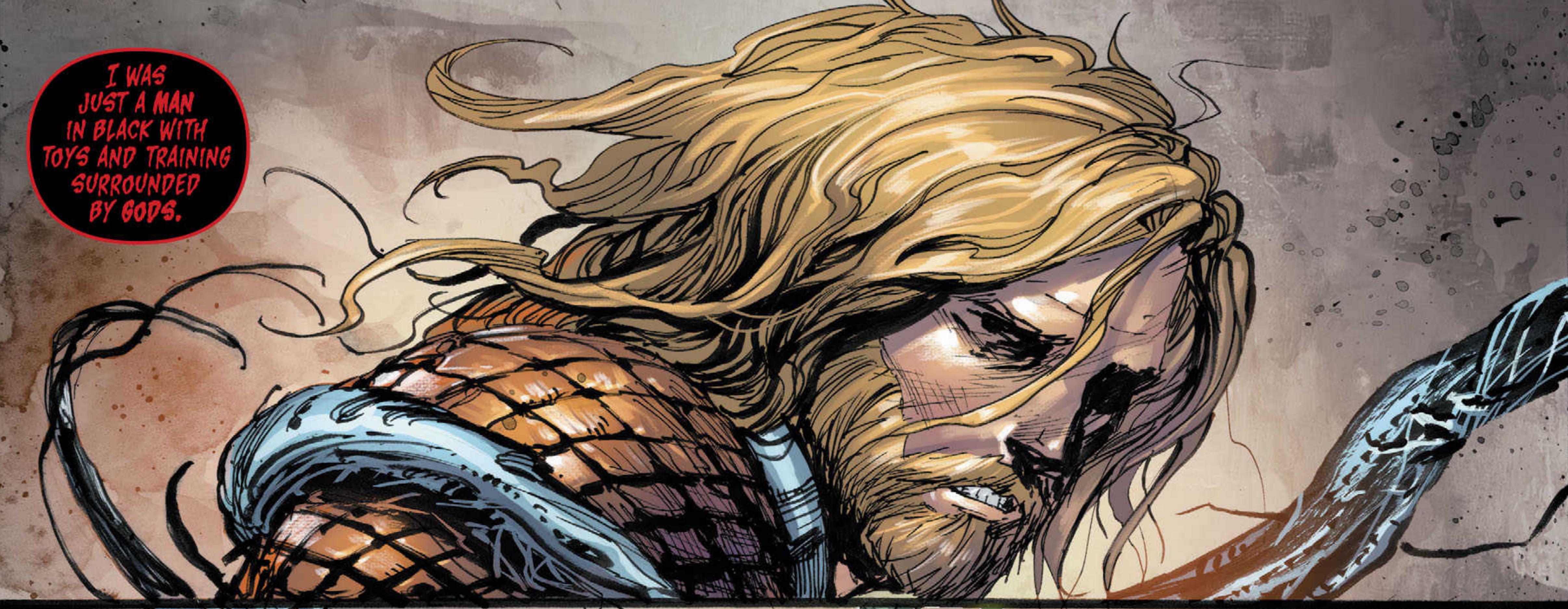
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WHEN I
FIRST JOINED
THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE I FELT
INTIMIDATED.



I WAS
JUST A MAN
IN BLACK WITH
TOYS AND TRAINING
SURROUNDED
BY GODS.



BUT WITH
EACH ADVENTURE
WE SHARED I SAW
THEIR FLAWS.



AND ONE
DAY IT HIT ME...
THEIR POWERS WERE NO
DIFFERENT THAN THE
GUNS THE CRIMINALS
USED ON THE STREETS
OF GOTHAM.

AND FINALLY,
I REALIZED...

BATS OUT OF HELL

FINALE

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THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE ARE
A SUPERSTITIOUS AND
COWARDLY LOT!

HAHAHA
HAHA

I'VE NEVER HEARD
BATMAN LAUGH BEFORE.

AND EVEN THOUGH
I KNOW THIS ISN'T
MY BRUCE, IT'S
TERRIFYING TO HEAR.

LAUGHING AT
THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE'S
LOSSES...



PING

...AS HE FLOODS MY MOTHER BOX WITH ENERGY FROM THE DARK MULTIVERSE HE CRAWLED OUT OF, HE SAID HE WANTS TO EXTRACT SOMETHING CALLED THE ELEMENT X FROM INSIDE OF ME.

ARRGGHHH

TO GET IT, HE'S RUSHING ME WITH VISIONS OF ALL THE WAYS I COULD LOSE.

MY NIGHTMARES. OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

THERE'S NO WAY TO GET MY TEAM BACK TOGETHER NOW... WE'VE LOST IT ALL.

PING

IT'S LIKE SOME TWISTED VERSION OF WHEN I WOULD STUDY GAME TAPE TO SEE WHY WE LOST...

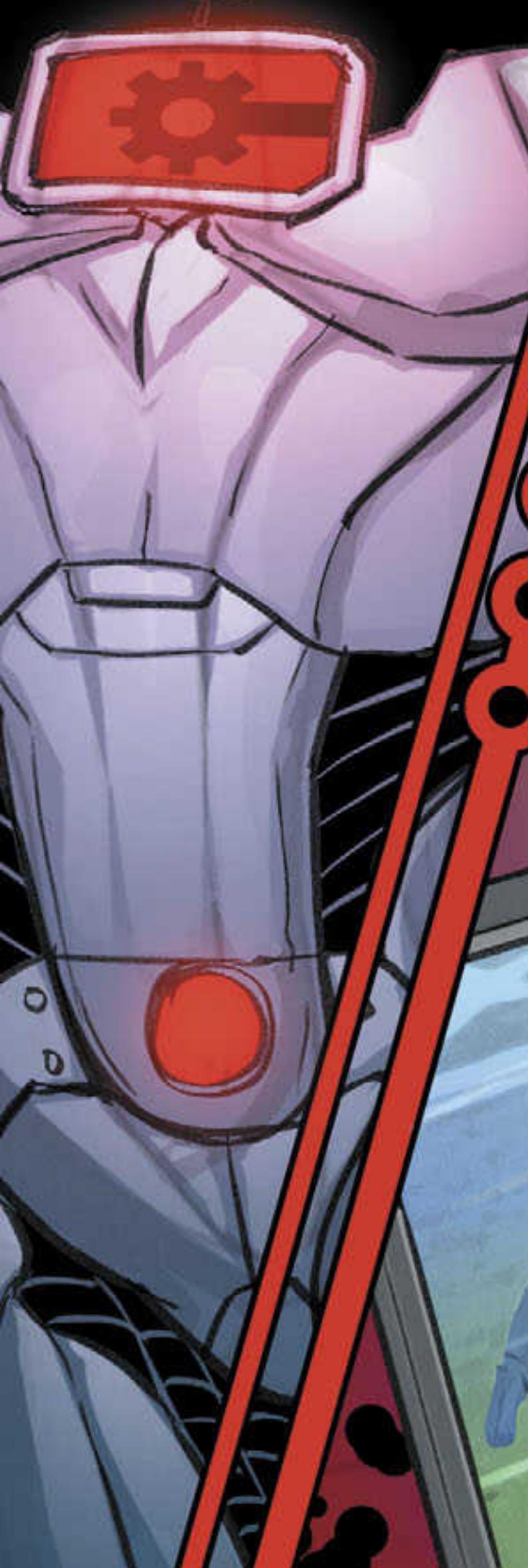
PING
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PING PING

BUT THIS ISN'T A GAME. AND WE SURE AS HELL CAN'T WIN.

PING

THE PAIN IS UNRELENTING.



I'D DO ANYTHING FOR IT TO STOP...

PING
YOU
PING
PING
ARE
PING

YOU ARE READY,
VICTOR STONE.

YOU AND I HAVE BEEN CONNECTED FOR A LONG TIME, VICTOR STONE. AND IT APPEARS YOU ARE READY TO ACCESS YOUR TRUE PROGRAMMING.

YOU'RE MY MOTHER BOX. THIS IS ALL INSIDE MY HEAD?

THAT IS CORRECT.

AND AT MY HEART IS ELEMENT X.

THE PUREST, BRIGHTEST METAL IN THE COSMOS, FROM THE WORLD FORGE ITSELF. TEEMING WITH POSSIBILITY.

ALL WHO HAVE CONNECTED TO A MOTHER BOX IN THE PAST HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR PERFECT FORM, AND YET YOU HAVE ALWAYS RESISTED.

YOU ARE A GLITCH IN THE UNIVERSE. BUT IT IS FINALLY TIME.

IF YOU ALLOW YOURSELF TO BECOME ONE WITH ME, IT CAN BE YOURS.

WHY ME?

WAIT... THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE ME?

MANY.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I WERE TO GIVE IN?

I WILL DELETE YOUR ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING FROM BEFORE YOU BONDED WITH THE MOTHER BOX AND TAKE OVER TO DEFEAT THE DARK KNIGHTS.

"ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING"? YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ME. YOU'D ERASE ME TO WIN...

DAMN...

YOU ARE NOT NECESSARY. THE MULTIVERSE DOES NOT NEED YOU TO SAVE IT. YOU KNOW THIS.

LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT IS AT STAKE.

PING

FIFTY-TWO GLITTERING UNIVERSES WITH COUNTLESS LIFEFORMS. THEIRS IS THE TRUE POWER OF THE MOTHERBOX, AND IF YOU DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE PLUGGED INTO IT, THEY WILL ALL BE LOST.

GIVE UP YOUR PAIN, CYBORG.

ALL YOUR DOUBTS. YOUR LOSSES. THEY WILL BE DONE.

YOU WILL GIVE UP YOURSELF AND BECOME ONE WITH THE MULTIVERSE.

ALL IN SERVICE OF STOPPING BARBATOS AND HIS DARK KNIGHTS.

I...CAN SEE IT.

YES. THIS IS YOUR DESTINY. NO MORE FAILURE, ONLY VICTORY.

I'VE FOUGHT... THIS FIGHT FOR... SO LONG. MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. MAYBE IT'S TIME...

VICTOR... NO... VICTOR...
YOU CAN'T!

WHO...
WHO'S THERE?
MOTHER BOX?

NO! BUT
LISTEN TO ME!
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH
TIME! MY CONNECTION
TO YOU WON'T LAST
LONG.

YOU
CAN'T GIVE UP,
VICTOR.

I'VE BEEN
WATCHING YOU.
YOU USED TO
FEED OFF
YOUR FAILURES,
BUILD FROM
THEM!

WATCHING ME?
WHO ARE YOU? WHY
SHOULD I TRUST
YOU?

I DON'T...
GHHH! I JUST
WANT TO SAVE
MY TEAM!

PLEASE! I'VE
SEEN WHAT'S TRULY
INSIDE YOU.

THE DARK
KNIGHTS WANT
YOU BECAUSE OF
THE MOTHER BOX,
BUT THAT ISN'T
WHAT MAKES YOU
SPECIAL.

YOU'RE SPECIAL
BECAUSE OF YOUR
HEART.

THE PART I
ADMIRE. VICTOR,
BELIEVE ME. I'M...
YOUR FRIEND.

I AM YOUR
DESTINY, CYBORG.
BE VICTORIOUS.

IT'S NOT
ABOUT ME...
IT'S ABOUT
THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE...

IF I CAN
SAVE THEM AS
CYBORG, IF I CAN
BEAT THE DARK
KNIGHTS...

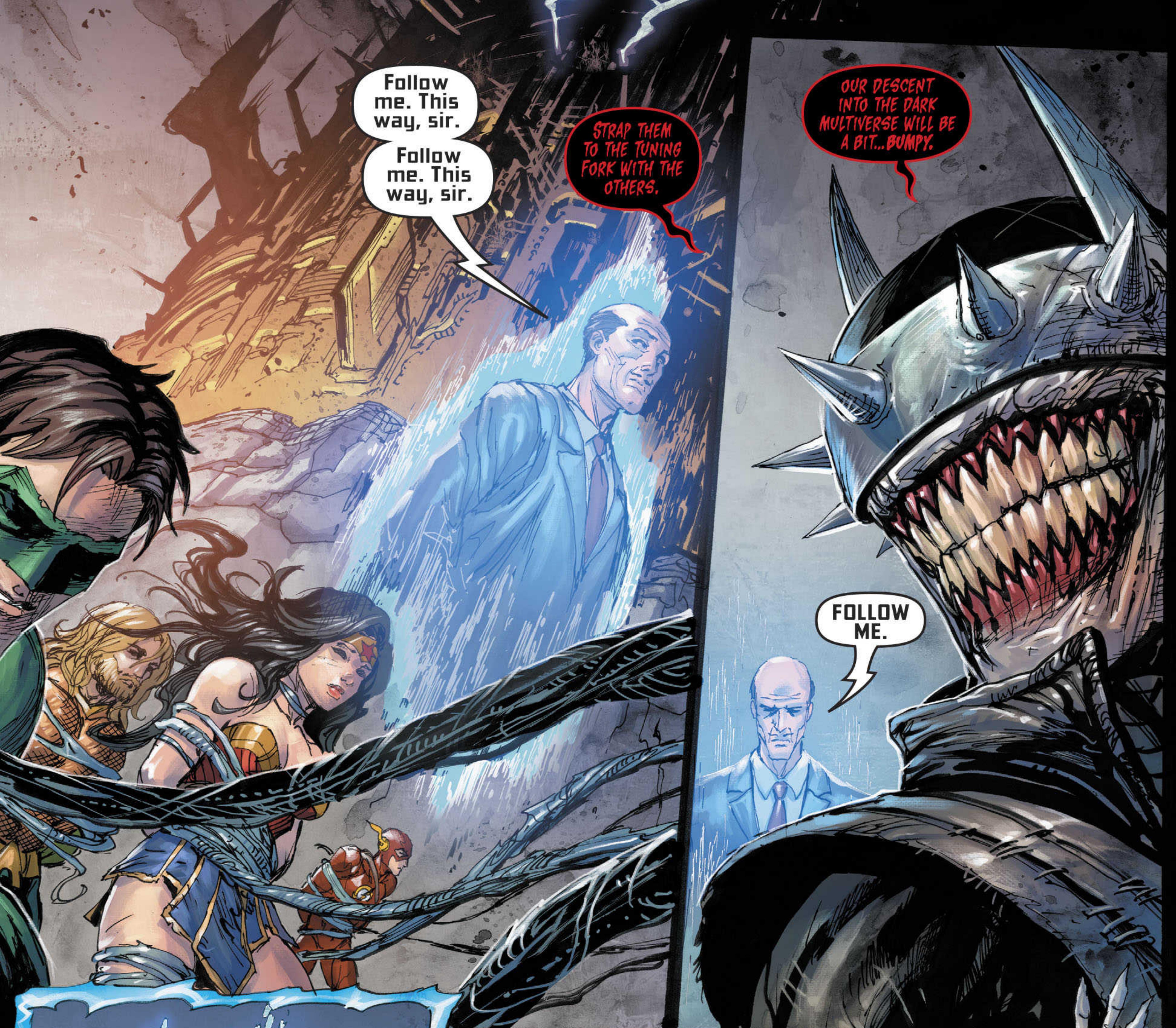
...THEN MAYBE
VICTOR STONE
NEEDS TO TAKE
ONE FOR THE
TEAM.

NO, I'M HERE
WITH YOU. YOU
DON'T HAVE TO
FIGHT ALONE!

PING.

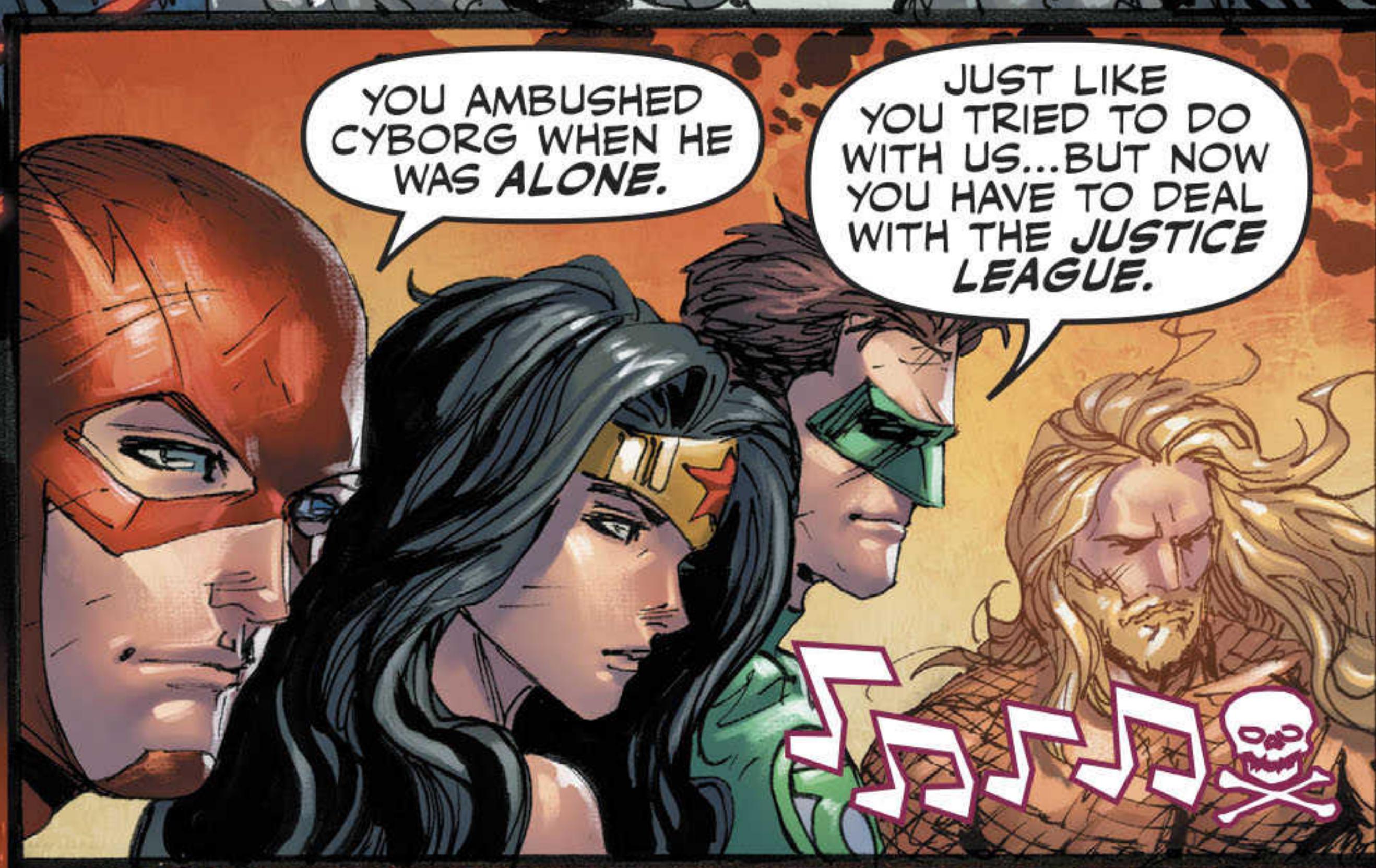
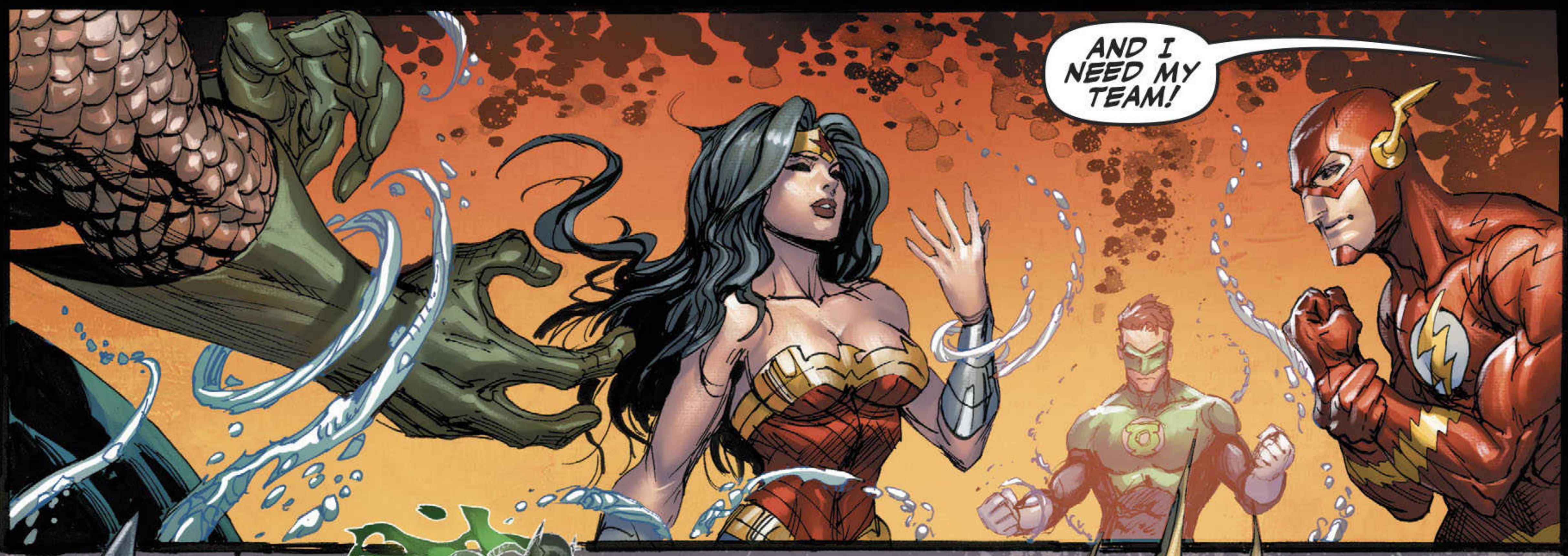
VICTOR!

PING!



...I'LL
ALWAYS BE A
VICTOR.
SO NOW YOU
GOTTA DEAL
WITH...
**CYBORG
ONE MILLION,
BABY!**





ON EACH OF OUR
WORLDS IT ONLY TOOK
ONE BATMAN TO KILL THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE!

YOU DON'T
STAND A CHANCE
AGAINST THE NEW
BAT-FAMILY!

MUST BE
NICE TO HAVE
SO MANY FRIENDS,
CYBORG. I NEVER
HAD ANY...
...CAN WE
ALL PLAY
A GAME IN
THE DARK
TOGETHER?

...HAVING A
STRONG BENCH
IS KEY!

PRO TIP,
DAWNBREAKER!
HAVING THE
RIGHT PLAYERS
ON THE FIELD
IS GREAT,
BUT...

CYBORG! MAN,
YOU SURE KNOW
HOW TO MAKE AN
ENTRANCE.

AND NOW
WE MUST
HASTEN AN
EXIT OR WE'LL
BE TRAPPED AGAIN.

WAIT, NO.
I CAN'T LEAVE
YET. I HAVE TO
FIND...

...RAVEN!

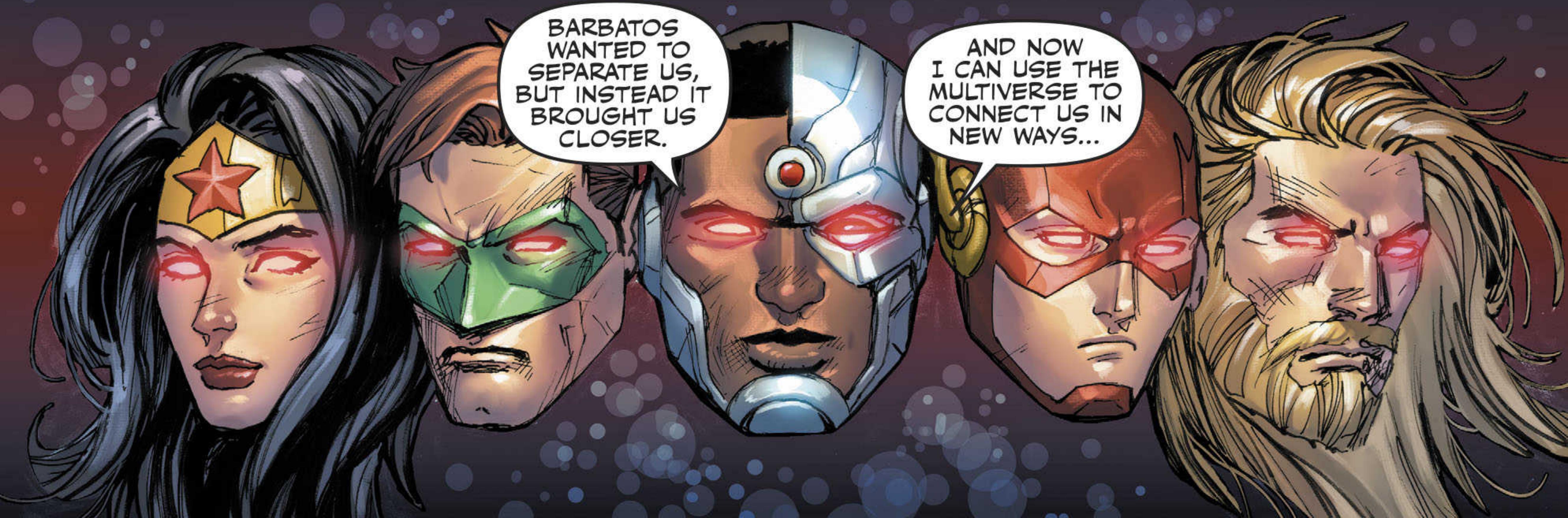
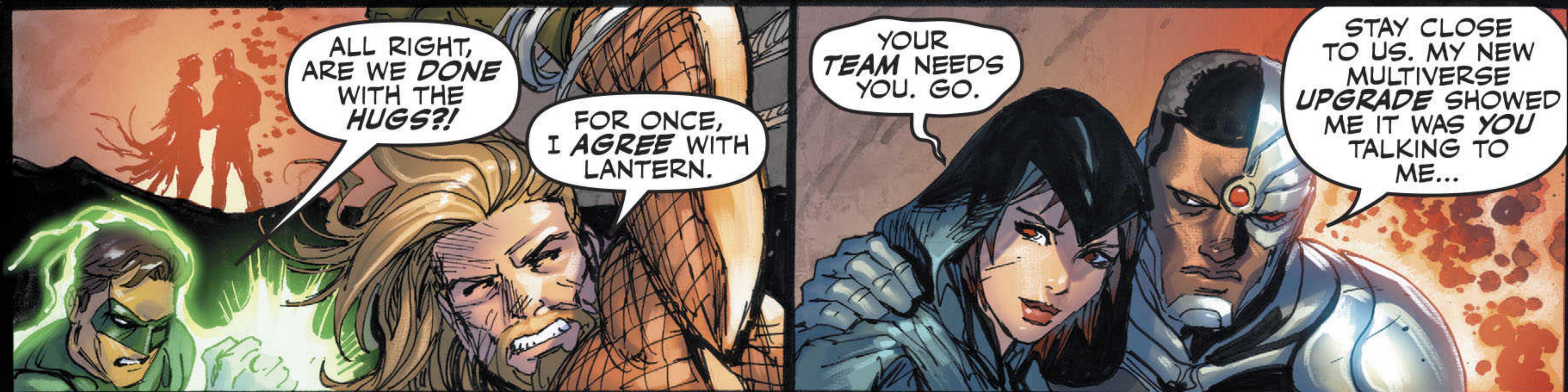
IS IT... YOU?
I... DID YOU
HEAR ME?

PLEASE...
THE BATMAN
WHO LAUGHS,
HE WANTS MY
DARKNESS. I
ALMOST LET IT
OUT, BUT THEN
I FELT YOUR
STRENGTH.
FELT HOW YOU
FOUGHT TO
STAY YOU.

TELL ME YOU
DIDN'T GIVE IN.
BECAUSE IF YOU
DID, VICTOR...

I ...THEN
I HAVE NO
HOPE.

YOU'RE A LOT
STRONGER THAN
YOU THINK YOU
ARE, RAVEN.
BUT LET'S
GET YOU OUT OF
HERE ANYWAY...





AND I'M GONNA SHOW YOU WHY THESE BATMEN CHOSE TO BECOME MONSTERS.

WE WERE WRONG. THEY ARE NOT JUST BATMAN'S FEARS...

THE DARK KNIGHTS ARE STILL BRUCE. AND BRUCE CAN BE DEFEATED.

BARBATOS PROMISED YOUR WORLDS BACK IF YOU HELPED THIS ONE FALL, IS THAT IT?

THE BATMAN I KNOW WAS SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING BACK WHAT YOU LOST.



AND BRUCE? YOU REALLY NEED TO SEE A DENTIST.

YOU TELLING ME THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO SAVE YOUR WORLD?

PERHAPS IT'S TIME OUR MASTER MAKES THE SALES PITCH HIMSELF.



ALL ROADS
LEAD
TO
DARKNESS.

THEN
WE'RE TAKING
A DETOUR.

BOOM

YOU TOLD ME
YOU PLANNED
FOR EVERY
SCENARIO.
CYBORG'S
TRANSFORMATION
BRINGS AN
UNKNOWN
INTO PLAY.

THESE JUSTICE
LEAGUERS AREN'T ALL THAT
DIFFERENT FROM THE ONES I
CALLED FRIENDS... AND AS LONG
AS WE STILL HOLD THE TEEN
TITANS AND TASK FORCE X
CAPTIVE...

"...THEY'LL BE BACK."

WHERE ARE WE?

THIS IS THE HYPERTIME. IT'S A WEB OF TIME STREAMS OUTSIDE THE MULTIVERSE. I'VE ONLY RACED ALONG ITS BORDERS AND NEVER SEEN IT FROM THIS ANGLE...

CYBORG, HOW DID YOU--?

THE MULTIVERSE LED US HERE...BUT WE ONLY HAVE A FEW MOMENTS BEFORE THE DARK KNIGHTS BEGIN THEIR HUNT FOR US--GHHH.

VICTOR?

I'M SORRY, RAVEN. I'M STILL ME, BUT I...I HAD TO GIVE IN PARTIALLY TO THE MOTHER BOX IN ORDER TO GAIN ACCESS TO WHAT WE NEED...

NOW IT'S RACING ME FOR CONTROL.

THIS NEW POWER IS SO STRONG, IT'S HARD NOT TO GET LOST IN IT...

YOU WON'T. BARBATOS BELIEVED YOU'D SEE YOUR LOSSES AND SHUT DOWN...

BUT BEING AFRAID TO LOSE IS NORMAL. LEARNING FROM THOSE LOSSES IS A VERY HUMAN ACT...AND YOU'VE BEEN DOING THAT LONG BEFORE YOU BECAME CYBORG.

IT'S WHAT BARBATOS DIDN'T FACTOR IN WHEN IT TOOK YOU--

HEY, VIC!

YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU SURE HAD THOSE
WANNABE BATMEN
SPOOKED!

NOT BAD
FOR A TEST
RIDE IN THE
NEW YOU!

THEY
UNDERESTIMATED
YOU, MY FRIEND.

AND THEY
WON'T DO IT AGAIN,
SO LET'S USE
OUR TIME WISELY.
WE MUST GET
BACK--

HANG
ON, WONDER
WOMAN.

BEFORE I
BECAME CYBORG,
I LOVED BEING A
PLAYER...BUT I SEE
NOW IT WASN'T MY
TRUE CALLING.

I'M MEANT TO
BE A COACH.

AND GOOD
COACHES ALWAYS
KNOW WHEN TO
ASK FOR HELP...

ME?
VICTOR,
I CAN'T
EVEN...

YES, YOU
CAN. AND IF
WE'RE GOING
TO FINISH THIS,
WE NEED
YOU.

WE'RE ONLY
AT HALFTIME,
FOLKS.

FLASH,
I NEED YOU
AND RAVEN
TO COME
WITH ME.

I'M ALL
YOURS,
BUDDY.
WHAT DO
YOU HAVE
IN MIND?

NOW THAT
I'M PLUGGED IN
TO THE MULTIVERSE,
I KNOW WE NEED
THE NTH METAL MORE
THAN EVER, BECAUSE
WITHOUT IT...
BARBATOS IS
GONNA WIN.

A HAIL
MARY PASS.
WE'RE GOING
TO HACK THE
MULTIVERSE.

"EVEN ON THIS WORLD,
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE
NEEDS A BATMAN..."

BOOM



TO BE CONTINUED IN METAL#4